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High 89° Low 68°

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High 87° Low 66°

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Saddam remnants feel sting



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Spartan soldiers wait outside a building being raided during the pre-dawn hours of June 15.

Spartans raid, provide aid

Spc. Mason T. Lowery
50th PAD

AL FALLUJAH, Iraq — Soldiers from four Spartan task forces and support elements conducted offensive operations as part of Operation Spartan Scorpion in the pre-dawn hours Sunday in and around Al Fallujah. Spartan Scorpion was 2nd Brigade Combat Team’s part in nationwide raids designed to remove all remaining Baath Party, non-compliant forces and paramilitary forces throughout Iraq. It was the culmination of 2nd BCT’s military and humanitarian work since arriving in Fallujah two weeks ago, according to 2nd BCT Battle Captain Matt Morgan. “Spartan Scorpion isn’t only focused on conventional military operations. The most important thing we did was the civil military projects we conducted to continue to establish rapport with the locals,” he said. Humanitarian aid started before the

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TF Enforcer strikes in Habbinyah

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich
50th PAD

AL FALLUJAH, Iraq — Soldiers of Task Force Enforcer took steps once again to rid the Fallujah area of organized, anti-coalition resistance by conducting raids on six different homes Monday morning. The task force consisted of teams from 211th Military Police Battalion, 155th Military Police Company and 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment with a platoon from A Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment attached. Scouts from 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, were conducting presence patrols through the streets of Habbinyah, a town

northwest of Fallujah, early Monday morning when they received fire from eight Iraqi militants, according to Lt. Col. John A. Hammond, 211th Military Police Battalion and TF Enforcer commander. “We received intelligence on the two houses where the firing had originated,” he said. “At approximately 6 a.m. (TF Enforcer) conducted simultaneous raids on the two residences.” Ammunition was found buried in the yards of both houses. Ammunition crates were found in the first home while a stick of C-4 explosive was found in the second. “I could tell the father of the young man (in the second home) was visibly upset and had no knowledge of his son’s activities,” Hammond said. “Even after we apprehended the son, his

father continued to verbally lynch him.” By using 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment’s air reconnaissance assets, Kiowa Warriors found multiple targets — ammunition crates in the yards and on the roofs of area houses. Under the guidance and direction of the aircraft, the soldiers entered another home. “We found 30-40 (ammunition) crates at the property,” he said. “Five of them were loaded with explosive material.” Simultaneously, 70 Iraqi tank heat rounds were seized from another home. Five of the stolen rounds had been disassembled, with the explosive removed. The next home searched proved an interesting affair, according to Hammond.

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3/7 Cav. repels night attack North of Baghdad

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Iraqi fighters were rebuffed Friday after an attempted attack on an element of the elite 3rd Infantry Division’s 3rd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment failed in an area known as “the Peninsula.” 3/7th Cav. alone with other American troops in Iraq blunted a night attack by pro-Saddam regime fighters, counter-attacked, and routed the enemy, killing more than 20 in the battle fought

north of Baghdad, according to Lt. Gen. David D. McKiernan, commander of U.S. and coalition land forces for Operation Iraqi Freedom. “The battalion (3/7th Cav.) that was engaged pursued those (enemy) forces, made contact with them, and killed over 20 of them,” he noted. The fighting, McKiernan explained, involved U.S. forces participating in Operation Peninsula Strike, a series of raids and searches undertaken to eliminate Saddam-regime loyalists

remaining in Iraq. The 3/7th Cav. is assisting The 4th Infantry who is leading the strike force. McKiernan said the area where the battle took place is a “hot spot” that’s been identified by intelligence sources as harboring supporters of deposed dictator Saddam Hussein. The 3/7th Cav. element was “... attacked at night, and then ... sought to gain and maintain contact with the enemy, which they did,” McKiernan continued, “and then, took their toll on these attackers.”

McKiernan noted that U.S. troops have detained more than 400 suspects as part of Peninsula Strike, which began June 9. Many detainees have since been released, the lieutenant general said, “because they did not have any intelligence value — they just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.” However, McKiernan noted, U.S. forces still have more than 50 Iraqis in custody who were captured during the operation.

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Shinseki bids farewell to Army after 37 years

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — In saying goodbye to the Army, Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki offered one bit of advice — “Beware the 12-division strategy for a 10-division Army.” Shinseki retired from more than 37 years of active service at a ceremony on Fort Myer, Va., June 11. “As I have said so often in the past, my name is Eric Shinseki, and I am a soldier,” Shinseki said. “I began my service 37 years ago in the jungles of Vietnam and I end my career with the nation at war in Afghanistan and Iraq. Soldiering is an honorable profession and I have been proud to be a soldier ...” Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee, host for the retirement ceremony, said he had served with and around Shinseki for four decades —

from Vietnam, through the Cold War and in the halls of the Pentagon. “In all those environments, he has epitomized the quiet professional,” Brownlee said. “And, being the genuinely humble and modest man he is, Ric Shinseki will never take the personal credit for the enormous impact that he has had on the Army.” Part of that impact was accurately predicting the nation would be at war in the not-too-distant future when he first became that Army’s top uniformed leader and then ensuring soldiers were properly trained and equipped for victory before that war came, Brownlee said. He credited Shinseki’s priority of manning warfighting forces at 100 percent for part of the successes the Army has met in Afghanistan and Iraq. The secretary touched on Shinseki’s vision of

Transformation to give the Army a more deployable, lighter, mobile and lethal force in the near term and the future when the meaning of Transformation was relatively unknown within the Department of Defense. “Simply stated, the chief looked to the future and conceived a vision for what our Army must be able to do to protect our nation in the 21st century,” Brownlee said. “He translated that vision into an ambitious, yet doable plan of action revolving around people, readiness and Transformation. He went out and got the resources and implemented his plan with tremendous intellect, courage and sheer force of will — irrevocably changing our Army for the better.” Most of Shinseki’s remarks centered on the accomplishment

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Spc. Bill Putnam

Retiring Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki inspects troops at his retirement ceremony June 11.



Photos by Spc. Katherine Robinson

1st Lt. Saad Abdalkareed of the Iraqi Police Force, translates Sullivan's instructions into Arabic, while Sgt. Ronald Fuller, a 3rd MP Co. soldier, portrays a driver during a traffic stop.

CA soldier helps train Fallujah police

Spc. Katherine Robinson
50th PAD

FALLUJAH, Iraq – A safe and secure environment – it may seem like a lofty goal, but not unattainable. With the help of 3rd Military Police Company and other elements of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, the Fallujah police force is working to make itself stronger and more capable.

Staff Sgt. Sean Sullivan, a team sergeant with B Company, 411th Civil Affairs Battalion, teaches classes at the Fallujah police station every morning.

When he's not activated, Sullivan works as a police instructor in Springfield, Mass., so the training comes easily to him. What's not as easy is teaching people who don't speak the same language, and who have had little or no training in their fields.

The classes are very basic, Sullivan said. He's done classes on control and compliance techniques, handcuffing, takedown and traffic stops among other things – simple hands-on techniques that don't require much equipment.

"Some of these guys have never even laid eyes on a pair of handcuffs," Sullivan said. "So we're trying to take baby steps. (The training

is) something they can watch and learn quickly."

Most days Sullivan starts off the class by asking police officers to show him how they conduct themselves in certain situations, then he shows them how he would do it differently. With the help of a translator, Fallujah Police 1st Lt. Saad Abdalkareed, Sullivan is able to explain why he does things the way he does, and how they promote safety.

Sullivan said he hopes the extra training will help the Fallujah police be more proactive as they patrol the streets, both with 3rd MP Co. soldiers and by themselves.

"It gives them a little more confidence ... hopefully they might be eager to get out there and use some of these techniques and make this city a little safer," he said.

While some of the police officers in the class seem indifferent, some are eager to learn.

"This is the first time for us to see what we can do in many cases – can we make a search or can we stop a car?" Abdalkareed explained. "It's good for us because we learn what to do in the future against thieves, killers and all bad people."

Abdalkareed said the Fallujah police need help from the American soldiers, who have more



1st Lt. Saad Abdalkareed, Iraqi Police Force, calls out names while 1st Lt. Steven Devitt, 1st platoon leader, 3rd MP Co., checks his list during roll call at the Al Fallujah Police Station.

experience, training and equipment.

"We need guns, we need cars, we need radios," he said. "The situation is sort of hard for us because we have more thieves and killers on the streets ... but the American forces try to help us do our jobs."

"Maybe in the future, when we can do our jobs in a good manner, we won't need them anymore."

This is a goal he shares with U.S. soldiers. "The ultimate goal is for them to police themselves," said Master Sgt. David James, a 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.)

provost marshal operations sergeant.

"I think they know it's important to have a strong police force in Fallujah," Sullivan said. He said he has seen good changes in the Fallujah police since 2nd BCT arrived, and hopes to see more over time.



(Above) Staff Sgt. Sean Sullivan, B Co., 411th CA Bn., talks to Iraqi policemen about staying safe during traffic stops. Sullivan gives classes on the basics of police work to members of the Iraqi police force every morning.

(Left) Sullivan, demonstrates how to take cover behind a vehicle, while 1st Lt. Saad Abdalkareed, Iraqi Police Force, translates.



Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Sam Buck, Korean War veteran, salutes Col. John Kidd, installation commander, after receiving his Silver Star Medal for his actions at Outpost Harry.

Korea Vet awarded Silver Star following fifty-year wait

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

The heroic actions taken by (then 2nd Lt.) Sam Buck at Outpost Harry, during the Korean Conflict, June 11, 1953, have earned him the Silver Star Medal 50 years later. The attack was one of the last major offensives of the Chinese during the conflict.

Buck brought his family from Iowa to see him presented with the medal June 9, as part of the Outpost Harry Survivors' Association reunion at Fort Stewart.

"On the night of the 11th of June (1953), the company was hit by a reinforced (Communist Chinese Forces) regiment. We had about 150 men up on the hill ... the CCF had 4,000. It was kind of overwhelming and resulted in hand-to-hand combat," said Martin Markley, commander, K Company, 15th Infantry Regiment.

"We were overrun by the Chinese; outnumbered at least 30 to 1," Buck said.

He managed to maintain a sense of humility while accepting this honor.

"I think that everybody else there did as much as I did," said Buck, who spent 18 months recovering from the injuries he sus-

tained defending the outpost.

"Sam was in the command post bunker with the (executive officer) and me. On several occasions, grenades were thrown in the bunker, knocking me unconscious and the XO unconscious. Sam stayed there by the door and fired on the Chinese as they tried to come in. He probably killed 10 or 15 every time.

"Finally, he was knocked down. His hand was torn up pretty bad and so was his leg, so he lay on top of me and kind of protected me at that time too ... and administered some first aid.

"The Chinese came in. The XO came to and started coughing, and they shot him dead ... Sam stayed up there, ... called in the artillery and effectively stopped the advance-ment until reinforcements came up.

"Sam stayed up there on that hill until a replacement came for him ... he wouldn't leave until he had a replacement," Markley recalled.

Buck was the forward observer assigned to K Co. and recalled the siege, which occurred nearly 50 years earlier.

Buck also talked about the wounds to his former commander. Motioning an arch over his head, he said, "His head was split from ear

to ear, and his eyeball was out of its socket, lying on his cheek. I cleaned out his socket, put his eyeball back in, and he still has that eyeball today!"

The association holds annual reunions all over the country. One hundred forty-four veterans and family members from all over the country were present for this year's reunion. The group received a tour of Fort Stewart, beginning with the Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

Command Sgt. Maj. Albert D. Newton, commandant, welcomed the pilgrims with a briefing and slide show. Immediately following that, the group saw demonstrations of lessons and facilities at the academy, and then they ate lunch at the Phillip A. Connelly Award winning dining facility. The award denotes the Army's best food-service facilities.

After they left the NCOA, the reunion went to the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor motor pool to see the evolution of Army mechanized vehicles. The static displays were open for the survivors sit in or take pictures on. Soldiers assisted by answering questions about the Humvee, Bradley Fighting Vehicle, M1 Abrams tank, and M1078 truck.

The next stop for the tour was the Fort Stewart Museum via "Warrior's Walk," a paved walkway lined with trees commemorating the 35 fallen 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) soldiers from Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 15th Inf. is part of the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) and held special significance to the survivors, they said.

At 4 p.m. the group arrived at Fort Stewart's Marne Garden for the presentation of the Silver Star.

"It should've happened a long time ago," said Markley.

He and Buck were evacuated separately. Subsequently, they completely lost contact with each other until 12 years ago, when the association began holding its meetings.

Three years ago, Markley found out that it was still possible for Buck to be acknowl-edged for his heroism and gallantry at Outpost Harry. Markley said for three years he pushed for the award to go through.

At 4:30 p.m. Markley got his wish. In front of a color guard, association members, Col. John Kidd, garrison commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Carl T. Smith, garrison command sergeant major, and many family members, Buck was pinned.

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

CG: Iraqis one step closer to safe, secure, free country

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III
3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) commanding general

During the early morning hours of June 15 coalition soldiers throughout Iraq conducted a series of raids to eradicate Baath Party loyalists, paramilitary groups and other subversive elements that seek to undermine the transition to a stable Iraqi civil government.

Marne soldiers participated in their part of the operation in Fallujah and several nearby towns approximately 40 miles west of Baghdad. This sector is the new area of operation for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team. Soldiers followed up the nighttime raids with public works projects that will continue throughout the rest of the month. We will also continue to arrest criminals and terrorists as we receive credible intelligence of their intended activities.

During our raid in Fallujah, a notorious pro-Saddam enclave, nine men were arrested and interrogated, including seven suspected members of the Fedayeen Saddam militia. Pipe bombs, blasting caps, illegal communications gear and large quantities of documents were also seized in the raid. No soldiers or Iraqis were wounded in the operation.

Soon after sunrise, 3ID soldiers began a host of public infrastructure improvement projects and other goodwill activities. A massive delivery of medical and school supplies, food and toys began flowing into the town after dawn. Soldiers distributed teddy bears and hundreds of soccer balls to children and free gasoline from 5,000-gallon tankers parked on street corners. Our engineers repaired and painted classrooms and wired the long-neglected schools with ceiling fans. The Sapper headquarters and 10th Engineers continue to improve the cities electricity, sewers, water trash disposal and other utilities.

The 3rd Military Police and the division Provost Marshal are facilitating the transition of local police departments into professional law enforcement organizations. Nearly 300 police officers have returned to duty in the Fallujah area. They have received new uniforms, vehicles have been repaired and painted and sidearms have been issued. More work needs to be accomplished, but the improvements so far have allowed

the police stations to operate jointly with our military police for 24-hour operations that started Wednesday. Joint patrols have been ongoing since June 10. We still need to hire more officers, renovate the police stations and jails, and provide communication. We have chosen a curriculum to train the force to ensure all officers have a common core of knowledge. The goal is for the Iraqi law enforcement officers to police and enforce their own laws, which will be another step towards controlling their own future.

One soldier was killed and eleven were injured during other operations this week. Eight troopers from 3rd Squadron 7th Cavalry were injured when their cargo truck was struck by a rocket propelled grenade. In a separate incident, one 2BCT soldier was killed and another injured when their grenade launcher misfired as they were returning fire on a suspected sniper. Two 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery Regiment soldiers were wounded by shrapnel while patrolling their sector near Fallujah. It pains me when soldiers are wounded or killed under any circumstances. On behalf of the entire 3rd Infantry Division, our most heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families of our wounded and deceased Marne soldiers.

We have fully moved several large elements of the division back to Kuwait to assist with the reconditioning of the vehicles we drew from the prepositioned stock. The 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 24th Corps Support Group with the 703rd Main Support Battalion, and some elements of the Aviation Brigade and part of the 1st Brigade Combat Team have returned to live in the camps they previously occupied before the war. While we still do not have word about our redeployment to go home, the reconditioning and turn-in will assist in our orderly movement out of Iraq and eventually home.

The weather is very hot in the region and we are doing all that we can to make the situation in Iraq and

Kuwait as tolerable as possible. The soldier environment in Kuwait is a much better situation because of the improvements in the infrastructure at the semi-permanent camps. Soldiers have access to hot meals, showers, phones and email. There are improved PXs and opportunities to get out of the grueling heat. The living conditions in Fallujah and Baghdad are much more austere, but we continue to try to make the situation more hospitable every day.

With the lifting of the stop movement prohibition, the usual summer rotation of senior leaders has begun. Already departed from the division staff are Col. Jack Sterling, chief of staff, and Col Lyle Cayce our staff judge advocate. Their advice and leadership will be sorely missed. Jumping into the chief of staff void is Col. Glenn Burch who recently gave up command of the 4th Brigade, 87th Division at Fort Stewart. Also departing from the staff were Lt Col. Pete Bayer, division operations officer; Lt Col. Melinda Woodhurst, division logistics officer; Lt. Col. Roger Heath, division chaplain and Lt. Col. Bill Corr, division surgeon.

We have had four changes of command recently. Lt. Col. Andy Fowler took the reigns of the 3rd Squadron, 7th Cavalry from Lt. Col. Terry Ferrell; Lt. Col. Bob Bannion assumed command of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment from Lt Col Ferguson; Lt. Col. Todd Wood is in charge of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment with Lt. Col. Scott Rudder's retirement, and Lt. Col. Gary Luck now leads the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment with Lt Col. Stephen Twitty coming up to be the division operations officer. The outstanding leadership of the outgoing commanders was absolutely instrumental to our success in Operation Iraqi Freedom. I have great confidence that the battalions are in great hands for continued success.

I continue to be extremely proud and impressed with Marne soldiers operating under very trying conditions. They remain resolute in their commitment to work with coalition forces and the local citizens to stop subversive groups that seek to hinder rebuilding efforts. Our success in Fallujah will help move the Iraqi people one step closer to a safe, secure and free country.

"Rock of the Marne"

Letter to the Editor

To The Brave Men and Women of our Armed Forces:

Ladies and gentlemen of our armed forces: I have been honored by being asked to write this letter on behalf of the millions of grateful Americans who believe in what you're doing.

I, myself, served 25 months in Vietnam in the Marine Corps in a reconnaissance battalion. Believe me when I say, I can identify with the anxieties, the fears, the mental and physical stresses that you are dealing with.

Back when I served our country we didn't have the media coverage that the Iraq war has had. People around the world can see just what you go through and really appreciate just what you train for.

The prayers and thoughts for all of you are never ending. Not a minute goes by that there isn't someone somewhere lighting a candle or saying a prayer for those serving their country. It's not only proud to be an American, but to be an airman, sailor, or soldier right now for the United States of America is the greatest tribute to being an American.

You are the best of the best, the proudest of the proud, and you're Americans. We truly believe in what you're doing over there. With the media coverage, we can see just how much the Iraqi people have suffered and were oppressed in their everyday lives. Sometimes the states are looked at as an overbearing and bullying type of people, but I truly believe our country was conceived just to watch out for the little guy (countries).

I only have one piece of advice for you: believe in God, believe in the man or woman next to you, and, most of all, believe in yourself as true Americans should. May the good Lord and your commanders bring you back home to us safe and sound. Sincerely yours,

An Old Marine
Semper Fi



Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

Why is it important to honor our flag?

"Because it represents our country."

Sgt. 1st Class Paul Rodriguez
Retention 81st RSC



"Because men have died for that flag."

Spc. William Perry
165 Quarternaster POL



"The flag represents the United States and so do we as soldiers. If we don't honor the flag, then we don't honor ourselves."

Sgt. Wilmon Rainey
165 Quarternaster POL



"It represents freedom."

Sgt. 1st Class Edward Lovelace
Headquarters Starc



"The flag honors everyone who was here before us."

Spc. Chris Cozzi
HHC 2nd Bttn 124th Inf.



"The flag represents our country. If you represent our country you should represent the flag."

Spc. David Cochrane
HHC 2nd Bttn. 124th Inf.



COFS updates families

Col. Larry Burch
Chief of Staff

I have arrived in country and am currently settling into my job as the Chief of Staff of the Division.

I wanted to take a few moments and update the families on how things are in the deployment area. Today it was a balmy 113 Degrees. There is plenty of food for the soldiers to eat.

There is plenty of water, both bottled and purified. We are using purified water on a daily basis to drink, make coffee, etc. There are PX's available in some areas, and sundry items (razors, shaving cream, etc) are readily available.

The living conditions are getting better every day. This is a austere country and the living conditions are better for some areas than others, but we continue to make life better for our soldiers daily. We are currently repositioning some units around the theatre. Some units have received instructions to move equipment to the Kuwait theatre. This is not a re-deployment order. Currently we have NO solid redeployment

dates, although we continue to look to August, as the time frame. As we know more you will be informed. Mail continues to flow to the soldiers. Letters and packages are taking from 10 days to 3 weeks to arrive. We will do our best to let you know as far in advance as possible that you need to stop sending letters and packages, but realistically, we may not have much notice. Repair parts for equipment have begun to flow into the country. Our soldiers are currently receiving replacement uniforms and additionally, are receiving a gratuitous issue of T-Shirts and Socks. We have redistributed additional SAT-phones and whenever the operational environment allows soldiers may use them for morale calls.

We continue to work to maintain stability in the country, and we will bring this Division home as soon as possible. The Command of the 3d Infantry Division appreciates the sacrifices you make and the support you provide to our soldiers.

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Combat Stress: *Mandatory evaluations for redeploying soldiers*

Spc. Casandra Bolton
Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

When soldiers return from serving in deployments such as Operation Iraqi Freedom, there is now a post deployment assessment to check on their physical and mental health following their return. During the assessment the soldiers are checked on everything from immunizations to mental health, which includes a questionnaire that the soldiers fill out while they wait.

The combat stress evaluation was initially designed for soldiers that were returning home because of injuries or family emergencies during their deployment.

Combat stress is stress associated with stressors that are inherent to a combat zone (environment, physiological, cognitive and emotional).

Capt. Nicola Caldwell, chief of outpatient psychology, is one of the evaluators from the Behavioral Health Clinic at Winn Army Community Hospital.

“We find that after the assessment, most people are fine,” said Caldwell. “They might not have a hyper vigilance now, but six months from now maybe they do.”

Back when the soldiers returned from Operation Desert Storm, a lot

of them were experiencing mental health issues. Since there were no records before they left, the illnesses were hard to track.

“Generally the soldiers were referred to us,” said Caldwell. “And now all of the soldiers are to be screened,” said Caldwell.

“Since we prepare so much for them to deploy, I think it would be foolish not to have anything prepared for when they come back,” said Caldwell

All soldiers who return from deployments must go through this process.

When the Rangers at Hunter Army Airfield returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom, they had to go through the combat stress session.

“We went to their gym where they had all of the stations set up,” said Caldwell. “When they came to our station, we would ask them questions pertaining to their health.”

The questions mainly pertain to

how they feel about themselves and their surroundings.

According to Caldwell, some soldiers are hesitant to say if they have a problem.

“Some people are effected as

soon as they step out of the combat zone,” said Caldwell. “But, their responses are normal for what they have experienced out there in the battle zone.”

When the Rangers redeployed, there were approximately 600 soldiers to be seen by the health professionals in the Behavioral Clinic.

“I saw (about) 600 soldiers and I had one actual referral,” said Caldwell.

All soldiers take combat differently. Just because a soldier can’t

get any sleep as soon as they come home, does not mean that they have combat stress, it could be good old-fashioned jet lag according to Caldwell.

Some soldiers may have periods of doing really well then periods of not doing so well.

According to Caldwell, this is to be expected.

“We are available when needed to lend our expertise,” said Caldwell.

Soldiers are not the only ones who have someone to talk to when they are stressed. There are support groups that support everyone from spouses to veterans in stressed situations.

“There are groups that are here to support the family members,” said Caldwell. “But their focuses have changed. At first the topic of the Waiting Spouses was ‘how do I cope with my husband being gone’ and now the topic might be what to expect when they redeploy.”

“We change as the mission changes,” said Caldwell.

Some symptoms of combat stress that some of the soldiers

might experience are difficulty sleeping, increased anger, no patience, anxiety and nightmares.

“If a soldier has been back only five days, you don’t want to be so quick to label them as them having something wrong,” said Caldwell.

“Sometimes all a soldier needs is three hots and a cot,” said Caldwell.

The evaluators use the soldier’s responses as a sort of “jump off” that could lead to them finding something wrong and eventually helping them.

“A usual session takes about five to ten minutes,” said Caldwell. “But, we will give you all the time you need until you are finished.”

The sessions are not to provide treatment, but to catch people who are at risk of hurting themselves or others.

If there is an indication that something might be wrong with the soldier they are referred to a health care provider for further assistance.

As soldiers continue to come home, evaluations continue. This assessment progress not only helps the individual soldiers, it also helps the commanders, because a happy, healthy troop is a working troop.

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of soldiers — They’ve never let me down” — and thanking a host of people including former bosses, members of Congress, members of his staff and professional correspondents who have helped tell the public about what great soldiers the Army has.

His biggest thanks went to his wife Patty who moved the children and household 31 times during his career.

“You taught me the meaning of selfless-

ness, of elegance, of courage, and of a bright spirit undiminished by time or adversity,” Shinseki said.

“You have seen me at my worst and stuck with me — and you’ve seen me at my best and chuckled in disbelief.

“Throughout it all, your patience, your balance, your encouragement and your love and support have



sustained me.”

Brownlee presented Shinseki with the Army Distinguished Service Medal during the ceremony. The Departments of Defense, Air Force, Coast Guard and Navy presented their Distinguished Service Medals at earlier separate ceremonies.

“As I was on the first day of my tenure

four years ago, I am humbled to stand here on my last day as the 34th chief of staff of the United States Army,” Shinseki said.

“I thank the president for his confidence and trust in allowing me the opportunity to serve the nation and this Army that has been my family for 38 years. To soldiers past and present with whom I have served, you have my deep and abiding respect and my profound thanks.”

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raids in Fallujah. The two elements are “a combination of providing the people of Fallujah with the benefits of us being here, so they can see us as more than just security forces,” said 2nd BCT Operations Officer Maj. Rick Nussio.

The ongoing humanitarian assistance in Fallujah consists of repairing area hospitals and clinics, and delivering medical supplies to those hospitals and clinics. They also repaired schools and delivered supplies to the schools, repaired soccer fields and gave away hundreds of soccer balls (soccer is Iraq’s number one sport). Thousands of gallons of gas were given away as well as soldiers cleaning up trash in the city.

The key to success in Fallujah is to win the hearts and minds of the populace, according to 2nd BCT Commander Col. David G. Perkins.

According to Nussio, “The idea (of Spartan Scorpion) was to execute attacks against selected targets while minimizing damage to locals.”

Soldiers captured nine suspects, explosive devices, bomb-making material and documents during the early-morning raids. No soldiers, civilians or suspects suffered casualties, Nussio said.

The early-morning raids made it possible to capture the suspects and weapons without disrupting civilians’ daily lives, according to Nussio. As the soldiers finished the raids and the sun came up, Fallujah residents

drove past them to go to work.

The quantitative results of the raids helped stabilization in Iraq. “Anytime we disrupt cells from operating, it’s beneficial. It contributes to the overall coalition effort in Iraq, and we are continuing daily operations in the area,” Nussio explained.

Sometimes the overall success of an operation isn’t tangible. The combination of Spartan soldiers’ presence in Fallujah, and its military and humanitarian operations will have far-reaching, long-term effects on disrupting the operations of loyalists to the former regime.

“The psychological impact of the coalition’s continuing operations causes cells to disrupt patterns,” Nussio said.

The Spartan Scorpion raids were executed in three phases. Phase one consisted of three days of preparation and reconnaissance gathered from patrols and civilian tips. First Battalion, 9th Field Artillery based their raid objective on where they were shot at the most, according to Morgan.

Phase two was the early-morning raids. There were four objectives in and around the city. Soldiers from B Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry, closed in on a suspected Fedayeen training facility, while A Co. soldiers raided a possible Fedayeen headquarters building. Task Force Enforcer, made up of the 211th Military Police Company descended on a safe house believed to house three resistance leaders.

Soldiers from 1/9 FA probed a possible weapons cache.

The third phase was the continuing humanitarian aid. Many aid projects were scheduled to finish the morning after the raids, to signify Spartan soldiers’ commitment to not only conducting military operations, but also helping and showing Fallujah residents they are in there to help them, explained Morgan.

“After we finished our military operations, we went in and fixed up five schools and soccer fields to help them reestablish normalcy,” he said.

Spartan leaders have been talking with officials in Fallujah since they arrived.

“Spartan Scorpion was a decisive point for us turning the tide in this town. We set the conditions for a week prior, talking to the mayor and Sheiks, listening to them and finding out what they need,” Morgan said of the progress Spartans are making in Fallujah. “It’s been a week since we’ve been shot at downtown, which is significant since they were trying to kill us before that.”

Nussio said the mayor of Fallujah made positive comments about the raids. He said the timing of the raids helped by not disrupting daily life in Fallujah. He was also happy that weapons and anti-coalition forces were off the street.

Morgan said, “The mayor’s clearly on our team. He’s working with us and we’re working with him.”

Spartans will continue their efforts until told it’s safe to go home.

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“We went into the home to search the containers that were observed from the sky,” he said. “A teenage boy living there fled the scene and was quickly apprehended.”

An ammunition crate found on the roof of the house contained propellant material, a folding stock AK-47 rifle, a flare gun and an RPG site, as well as a camouflage jacket, sleeping bag, ninja knife and Bruce Lee poster. “I think the boy was a little confused,” he said.

The raid on the final home didn’t immediately produce any contraband.

“When we entered the house, the owner kept

telling us he had nothing and that the house was clean,” Hammond said. “Not a minute after we began questioning him, a soldier came into the house with high explosive materials and blasting caps. Apparently, as we entered the house, he tossed these items over the wall in his yard.”

Hammond adds, with a smile, “They landed right in front of a soldier securing the area.”

Overall, nine men were apprehended during Monday morning raids.

“These raids allow us to take the initiative away from

the enemy,” Hammond said. “We choose the times we engage now.”

Soldiers and staff alike feel the raids were successful, as well as helpful in the continual process of building trust and confidence between 2nd BCT forces and area residents.

“We’ve seen very positive results in the past two weeks,” said Capt. Matt Morgan, 2nd BCT battle captain. “We have a good rapport with the mayor of Fallujah, and the citizens are responding well to our security presence in the area as well as community and area improvement programs.”

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These people will be moved to a U.S. detention facility in Baghdad, he said, where “we’ll do some further interrogations on them.”

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told reporters June 10 at Fort Sao Juliao, Portugal, that surviving followers of the defunct Hussein regime “are the ones that are periodically attacking coalition forces, sometimes successfully.”

These pro-Saddam die-hards include Fedayeen Saddam paramilitary, Baathists and former Iraqi military, Rumsfeld said.

“There are still those that are loyal to a regime that is no longer in power, that we will continue to have to seek out, close with, and either apprehend them or destroy them,” McKiernan pointed out.

And it “will take some time,” McKiernan pointed out, to root out Saddam supporters still in Iraq.

McKiernan, who’s slated to soon turn over the command of Coalition Task Force 7 to Lt.

Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez, expressed his pride in the U.S. and coalition troops pulling duty in Iraq.

On May 1 President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended. And, McKiernan noted, much has been done to promote peace and stability in Iraq in the 86 days since Operation Iraqi Freedom commenced.

“I think it’s a remarkable achievement of where we’re at right now, given the fact that those 86 days were preceded by 30 years of terrorism, brutality,” the lieutenant general explained, noting the Iraqi people’s quality of life has been improving every day since the end of the war.

Saddam controlled “a completely oppressive and repressive regime that took all the rich resources of Iraq and plowed them back into regime residences and military ... and did not invest those resources into the people of Iraq,” McKiernan said.

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1st Lt. Parker Knight talks with managers of a potato and onion warehouse to assess their needs.

1/9 protects Al Fallujah

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

50th PAD

AL FALLUJAH, Iraq — Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 9th Field Artillery visited three schools, two mosques and one potato and onion warehouse outside Fallujah on a routine patrol June 13.

The 20 kilometer patrol is 1st Platoon, B Battery soldiers’ area of responsibility, and they’ve got it pretty much under control, according to 1st Platoon Leader 1st Lt. Parker Knight.

The route borders highways 1 and 10 outside Fallujah. It winds through small farming villages built beside canals. The area is lush, flowers and gardens abound, and water buffaloes are not an uncommon sight.

The soldiers guard food warehouses, the Jordanian Hospital, two clinics and police stations. They mingle with the citizens, assess their needs and make their presence known. “We let them

know we’re friendly, there to help and not hurt anybody,” Knight said.

The Bravo-Battery soldiers go on six patrols a day in and around Fallujah. They visited three new schools Friday, which were closed, they recorded the location so they could come back with an interpreter the next day to do a more in depth assessment, explained Knight.

The 1/9 soldiers have help from 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery soldiers. They provide soldiers and firepower at guard points along 1/9 soldiers’ route. At one checkpoint, the onion and potato warehouse, Knight and his soldiers talked to the managers of the facility and took a tour.

Two managers guided the 1/9 soldiers through their warehouses. They told them looters, armed with AK-47s and RPGs — the loyalists’ weapons of choice, stole food and hospital supplies. The soldiers assured the managers that their patrols and 1/3 ADA’s guard points would deter looters from

then on.

While visiting the third school, a crowd formed around the soldiers. Many Fallujah residents in the neighborhood were friendly. They were shy at first, keeping their women and children behind fences. After about five minutes of interaction between the soldiers and men of the village, mothers let their older children carry the babies out to look at the soldiers.

Communication was difficult without an interpreter, but the citizens expressed their concerns using hand gestures. They pointed to power lines, indicating they needed more electricity, and soldiers did their best to assure them they were working on it.

The progress and importance of their mission in Fallujah wasn’t lost on the soldiers. Spc. Joe McGovern, 1/9’s medic, said, “We’re making sure the streets are secure and making sure everything’s running. We’re getting them back to the way they were.”

SJA posts in Iraq

Spc. Katherine Robinson

50th PAD

FALLUJAH, Iraq — The Iraqi judicial system has begun prosecuting criminal cases again for the first time since the beginning of the war.

Members of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Office of the Staff Judge Advocate are in Fallujah with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team to get the ball rolling and help out.

The SJA attorneys bring prisoners, evidence, documentation and witnesses to the court, but stay in the background as far as trials, said Capt. Michael Scionti, chief of foreign claims. The ultimate goal is to get to the point where the judicial system is completely independent of the American military.

Eventually, the Iraqi police should make arrests instead of military police, and the locals should handle the entire process, said Maj. Robert Resnick, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) chief of justice. “We want this to be their mission entirely. We’d like to have it that way within a month.”

There hasn’t been a criminal proceeding since the war, mainly because the Iraqi police department has been unable to adequately police, Scionti said.

“We presented the possibility that we can bring criminal cases if they could prosecute them,” he said.

“They educated us as to what was needed and what was required,” he added.

The first three cases brought before the court were looters arrested by the U.S. military.

The Iraqi judicial system has been in place for years and is very precise. Before the looters could go to trial, they had to have two prelim-

inary hearings.

On June 10, the court held a preliminary detention hearing. The judge said there was sufficient evidence then to convict the accused, according to Resnick, but he wanted to do the trial exactly by the book, and asked the military to bring in more documentation such as diagrams, birth dates and national identification cards.

On June 11, a second preliminary hearing was held to go over the evidence and schedule a trial. The military attorneys waited in the chief judge’s chambers instead of being present at the hearing.

“They are going out of their way to show us how thoroughly independent and judicious they are,” Resnick said. “They wanted us to know everybody is judged equally by the law ... there’s a real society and culture here that has been unfortunately squashed ... under Saddam, but it’s emerging again.

Naseeb A’aed Jawher, chief judge in Fallujah, who has been on the bench since 1983, said the Americans are being very helpful but not interfering with the judicial process.

“We don’t care what the result is,” Scionti said. “We just want to help them.”

Jawher said the situation in Fallujah has improved considerably since the military began trying to accommodate the needs of the people, and his view of the U.S. forces has changed for the better just since 2nd BCTs arrival on June 5.

“(The court personnel) have sworn to me their allegiance to the coalition,” Resnick said.

With the first parts of the process over, less than five days after the initial SJA proposal, the court is ready to conduct its first trial in free Iraq.

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Walk supports 3ID soldiers

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Associate Editor

Since October, more than 2,000 people from the Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield community have found a way to raise the morale of the deployed soldiers and stay in shape at the same time.

They got together and decided to walk the distance to Kuwait/Iraq and back and came up with "Walk to Kuwait/Iraq and Back."

Starting in October, the 2nd Brigade Combat Team family readiness group came together to participate in the "Walk to Kuwait/Iraq and Back."

They began walking every other week, between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., said Ginger Perkins, wife of Col. David G. Perkins, 2nd BCT commander. As more units started

deploying the walk was opened to the whole 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) community.

The distance to and from Kuwait/Iraq is 14, 190 miles, she said.

On Father's Day, between 300 to 400 people gathered to walk a mile to end the walk.

"We decided to end the walk on Father's Day to show the fathers that are deployed that their families are well and gave the children a chance to say happy Father's Day and we are thinking about them and supporting them," Perkins said.

All together there were more than 15,000 miles walked, she said.

It was a great turn out, said Col. John Kidd, garrisons commander. The hope of this event was to raise the morale and show support of the deployed soldiers.



Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

The kids of Fort Stewart take a break from the "Walk to Kuwait/Iraq and Back" to gather and take a picture to wish their fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Don't get caught with Kazaa

Banned programs yield hefty consequences

Spc. Jonathan Stack

Associate Editor

Behind every unauthorized download of a spyware program somebody is lurking potentially trying to gain information that can be useful to them and harmful to you.

Government computers are supposed to be used to work and should not have any unauthorized software because it may contain harmful viruses or defects, said Lottie Camp, installation info assurance manager.

“Army regulations 25-1 and 380-19 specifically prohibits downloading and using peer to peer or spyware software products,” Camp said.

Peer to peer communication software allows individual computers to share and swap various types of files, she said. Spyware programs collect information about the user and usage of the computer (e-mail addresses, types of web sites visited and so on). They may also cause extra network traffic by regularly popping up browser windows to particular network sites.

With the spyware, advertising

companies also install additional tracking software on your system, which is continuously “calling home,” using your internet connection

and attempts to report statistical data back to the “mothership,” she said.

Peer to peer software contains a few problems such as high bandwidth consumption, violation of acceptable use policy, Trojan horse and virus distribution,

es, and enormous firewall audit logs, Camp said.

Some examples of peer to peer software are Napster, Morpheous, Napigator, WinMX, Bearshare, Limewire, and PeerSync, she said. Some example of spyware are Bonzibuddy, PhoenixNet and Bargain.exe.

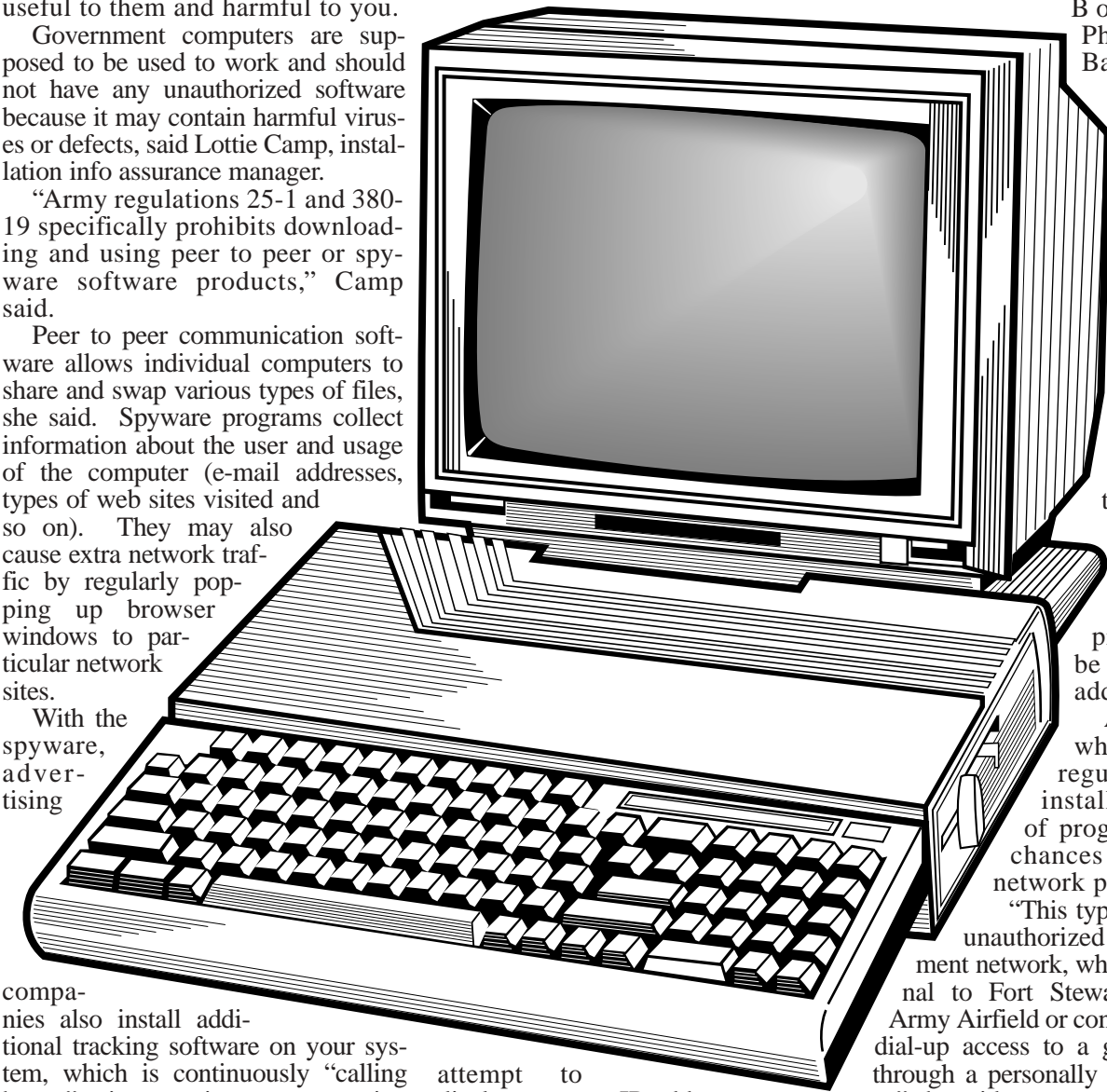
If someone's government computer contains of these software programs they should delete them from their computer, and if they can not delete them, they must reformat their computer and reinstall the programs, she said.

Spyware programs can't be deleted, Camp added.

An individual who violates the regulations by installing any type of program like these chances losing their network privileges.

“This type of software is unauthorized on a government network, whether it be internal to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield or connecting through dial-up access to a government site through a personally owned computer,” she said.

attempt to disclose system IP address-



Internet version 4 is out, 6 is in

Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — An improved version of the Internet, featuring enhancements that improve system security and data delivery, will be part of the Department of Defense's integrated information-communications network, a senior U.S. defense official said here today.

Users will realize improved service when Internet Protocol Version 6 is incorporated across DoD systems, John Stenbit, assistant secretary of defense for networks and information integration, remarked to reporters during a Pentagon press conference.

DoD currently uses Version 4 of the Internet, Stenbit explained. That system, he noted, has some flaws.

"There are lots of issues that have come up with Internet Version 4," Stenbit pointed out, noting many commercial "fixes" have been made to address some of those problems.

One Version 4 fix, Stenbit said, concerns the number of Internet addresses that can be accessed. Yet, this issue, he pointed out, isn't of particular importance to DoD.

However, DoD is concerned about the lack of information security safeguards that are inherent in Internet

Version 4, Stenbit noted.

And the department is aware of the current Internet system's lack of dependability in delivering electronic "packages" of information, which, Stenbit points out, has a negative impact on quality of service.

Today, "if you send a 'packet' on the Internet, nobody is guaranteeing you that it is going to get to the other end," Stenbit observed.

For example, he noted, sometimes Internet provider-generated video or audio conferences may lose sight or sound during transmission. This, he explained, is caused by Version 4 limitations.

Improvements addressing such quality of service issues are part of Internet Version 6, Stenbit explained.

And Version 6 development "has gotten far enough along so that people now deliver hardware and software that are compatible with both standards," Stenbit noted.

Version 6 "is what we're going to be using" as the standard for DoD, Stenbit declared, noting, "We're anticipating moving the department to the use of IP 6 in about 2008."

Consequently, DoD acquisition officials must begin purchasing Version 6-compatible equipment now, Stenbit concluded.

CG encourages families to continue to send mail to deployed soldiers

Jim Jeffcoat

Managing Editor

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, commanding general, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), continues to urge families to send mail to their deployed soldiers because mail is the ultimate morale factor for soldiers as they maintain their battle-dress posture in Iraq.

Blount acknowledges that getting mail to soldiers deployed in Iraq in a timely manner continues to be a problem. Additionally, he said that mailers should calculate carefully to ensure that soldiers to whom they are mailing will still be deployed when the mail reaches its destination. But, the positive affect of receiving mail certainly outweighs the negative of not receiving mail regardless of how long it takes.

Getting mail to Kuwait is not the big problem. The problem is redirecting mail to units and soldiers who may have changed locations or received another mission, said Tesia Williams, spokeswoman for Army Reserve Personnel Command.

Williams added that though situations are changing for the best, most postal stations supporting soldiers in Iraq don't have the equipment nor personnel to efficiently deliver the

mail. Postal workers - directing mail from Kuwait, to the units in Iraq, to soldiers - are sorting the mail by hand.

"In April, the postal service in Kuwait received 400,000 pounds of mail. The service had to sort 320,000 pounds in June," Williams said.

The Desert Voice, a military magazine serving soldiers in Iraq, reports that the Coalition Forces Land Component Command's mail room alone receives an average of 15,015 pounds of mail daily. This has been the volume since the start of May to more than 8,000 service members. The paper says this requires hard labor from a staff of eight with few volunteers.

"Redirected mails are causing additional workload, and are compounded by frequent change of locations of CFLCC servicemembers," said Sgt. 1st Class Barbara Swafford, noncommissioned officer in charge of CFLCC post office.

To help fix this problem CFLCC post office

"Redirected mails are causing additional workload and are compounded by frequent change of locations."

Sgt. 1st Class Barbara Swafford
CFLCC post office NCOIC

staff recommended to their service members that when relocating, service members should notify family and friends of their new addresses after immediate arrival to new locations.

Also, service members should ensure the return address on their packages have the correct zip code number. There are instances where packages meant for Kuwait end up at post offices in Afghanistan, according to Desert Voice.

Future improvements for mail delivery include flying the mail from Kuwait to Baghdad instead of trucking it; providing postal services with equipment to do the work and providing supplies to help the service be more efficient, according to Williams.

Williams joins the Commanding General in encouraging families and friends to continue sending mail to the soldiers, but she warns everyone to adhere to the guidelines:

- Mailers should ensure all parcels (packages) fit in a mail sack and not exceed 72" in length and girth combined:

- 1) Measure the longest side of the box.
- 2) Measure distance around whole box.
- 3) Add these two numbers together - if they exceed 72", you cannot mail the package.

• Do not mail:

- 1) Any mail containing religious material contrary to the Islamic faith.
- 2) Any matter depicting nude or semi-nude persons, pornographic or sexual items.
- 3) Any matter containing non-authorized political material.
- 4) Firearms.
- 5) Pork or pork by-products
- 6) Alcoholic beverages and materials used in the production of alcoholic beverages (distilling material, hops, malts, yeast, etc.)

Additionally, due to the continued threat of terrorist attacks through the mail, individuals and organizations may not send letters or packages to soldiers addressed as "Any Soldier" or "Any Service Member." using a known APO. Instead, individuals and organizations may go to <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil> website and send an e-mail message. Williams contends that when these rules are not adhered to it causes a bottleneck effect, which causes additional delay in getting mail to our soldiers.

Early screenings now available

To get a jump on next year's school health requirements, school health screening services are now available at Winn Army Community Hospital and Tuttle Army Health Clinic for military beneficiaries.

Children entering the Georgia school system for the first time are required to have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental screenings as well as the Certificate of Immunization completed and signed by a healthcare provider.

The required certificates can be obtained from the respective clinics. Remember to bring the child's medical records, shot records and ID card to the screenings.

Winn Army Community Hospital Eye and Ear screenings

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Dental screenings on Fort Stewart are available on a walk-in basis at the sponsor's

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Happy Birthday from Iraq

Marne Division celebrates Army's 228th

Spc. Jacob Boyer
31D (M) PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Soldiers deployed to Iraq gathered in front of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized)'s headquarters for a ceremony to mark the Army's 228th birthday Saturday at Baghdad International Airport.

A color guard from 123rd Signal Battalion presented the colors and Staff Sgt. Ann Todd, division chaplain's office noncommissioned officer in charge, gave the invocation to start the ceremony, which centered around the theme "The Army - At War and Transforming."

"We should take the time to pay homage to a great organization," said Command Sgt. Maj. Julian Kellman, division sergeant major. "It's important for younger soldiers to realize the Army's birthday is something to be observed, whether we're in the field or at Fort

Stewart."

Following Todd's invocation and "The Star-Spangle Banner," a brief history of the Army was read and a role call of the Army's conflicts was given.

A birthday message from Sgt. Maj. Of the Army Jack L. Tilley was read by Spc. Valerie Pohlsen, administrative assistant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.).

"From its earliest days, our Army fought for America's freedom," Tilley's letter said. "Now, more than two centuries later, we find our-

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Command Sgt. Maj. Julian Kellman
Division Sergeant Major

future. It is about ensuring that our children and our grandchildren enjoy the same liberties that we cherish."

Tilley's letter also said that even though the tools soldiers use have changed, soldiers remain "the core of our success."

"Whether he uses a bayonet or an Apache

helicopter, the American soldier is the most lethal weapon in the world. That is why our Army's transformation efforts are centered on the soldier. We must move forward to meet the challenges of the future."

The soldiers sang "The Dog Face Soldier Song" and "The Army Song." Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, division commander, and Kellman cut the Army's birthday cake with the division's youngest officer and enlisted soldier to conclude the ceremony.

After the ceremony, soldiers gathered in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation room for a reception that included cake and beverages.

"It's important for us to remember our Army's heritage," said Spc. Mathew Bowen, information systems operator, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 123rd Signal Battalion. "We need to reflect on the history of our nation and the reasons we're willing to fight for freedom and liberty."

Augusta soldier longs for simple things, kids

Air Force Maj. Dani Johnson

Task Force Fajr Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Playing with his kids and lounging around on the couch watching television are what one soldier longs for here in this dusty combat zone.

"It's the simple things, I miss the most, besides my kids," said Sgt. Richard Wilson, deployed here from Fort Stewart, Ga. "Just being able to watch television and hang out."

Wilson, a 10-year veteran, is a team chief on an Avenger air defense system with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized). He and one other soldier ride in a modified Humvee mounted with a 50-caliber machine gun and Stinger surface-to-air missiles, providing short-range air defense and force protection capabilities.

The Augusta, Ga., native deployed to Kuwait and eventually Iraq in late January. He had only been home about a month from a year-long tour at SuWon Air Base in South Korea when he received deployment orders.

His wife, Tawana, and two children, Jazmyn, 7, and Ryan, 4, once again said good-bye this time not knowing what would happen or when

they would see him again.

Wilson normally drives the Avenger with a one other person in the turret, who is responsible for guiding the gun and missiles to their target.

Currently providing protection to Brig. Gen. Steven R. Hawkins, the commanding general for Task Force Fajr, the organization tasked with restoring power, water and sewage treatment facilities to Baghdad.

He has seen things that many only heard about in the news.

"I remember seeing them transport the soldiers who were killed in a car bombing in central Iraq," the 32-year-old said. "That really affected me and how I look at things."

Wilson openly admits that he was not eager to leave his family he was just becoming reacquainted with to go fight a war he didn't know much about but that has changed.

"Now that I've seen the people and how they are living, I know it was the right thing to do what we did," he said. "Hopefully these people will be able to rebuild their lives and live freely."

But for now, Wilson still wishes to be back home taking his family to Disney World and eating some baby back ribs.



Air Force Maj. Dani Johnson

Sgt. Richard Wilson, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) poses for a picture in Iraq.

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Yard Sale

3rd ID Band will be having a yard sale at 1679 Gulick Avenue, Building 702, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 21. There will be household items, babies, children and ladies clothing. Event will be cancelled if raining and rescheduled for a later date.

Restoration Advisory Board

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield are conducting a community interest survey to determine whether a Restoration Advisory Board would be supported by the local communities.

The RAB would serve as a focal point for the exchange of information between representatives of the installations and the community regarding restoration activities.

For more information concerning environmental investigations and cleanup activities at Fort Stewart/Hunter, please contact Tressa Rutland at (912) 767-2010 (phone) or (912) 767-9779 (fax).

Family Assistance Center

Army Community Service at Fort Stewart scaled back its Family Assistance Center hours of operation. New hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekends will be handled with an on call roster and phones forwarded to EOC.

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through Youth Services' Family Childcare program. Why not consider this excellent opportunity to make money? For more information call 767-2311.

Education Center Hours

The Main Education Center, Building 130, will continue with expanded hours due to the high demand for services during the day and evening hours. The 1st Brigade/Divarty Learning Center will return to regular business hours. Computer access is available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Fishermen for our Heroes

Fishermen will participate in a benefit bass tournament to raise money for the children of soldiers killed in Iraq. The event will be held at Little River Park on Lake Sinclair in Milledgeville, Ga. Entry fee is \$200 per boat and area businesses will be donating prizes to be raffled that day.

Refuse and Recycling

Friday's route, the Fourth of July, for refuse and recyclable's pickup in the housing areas will be picked up on the preceding day, the July 3. The contractor, Mid-America Waste Management, Inc., will be off for the Fourth of July. Tenants are encouraged to put their refuse and recyclables out by the curb the night before.

Hunter

After-school Program

The Hunter Youth Center is now signing up students in the 6th grade level and higher for a free After-School Program. First through 5th graders may also sign up, however, space is limited. Those who are interested can register at Building 1286.

Phatt Katz Comedy Show

The Phatt Katz Comedy Run will present shows at the Hunter Club on Wednesday starting at 9:30 p.m. Performances will feature two comedians and one headliner.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For reservations call 912-269-0277.

Continuing education

Family members, Army Reservists and National Guardsmen can continue their education during their relocation to Hunter Army Airfield, regardless of their specific unit, at the Hunter Army Airfield Education Center, Building 1290. For more information, call 352-6130.

Classrooms are also available for training and FRG meetings. For additional information about these locations, or the ACES program, call the Main Education Center at 352-6130.

First Steps Program

The First Steps Program needs volunteers. This is a program that provides information and support to expectant and new parents stationed at Hunter. Volunteers make home

visits to expectant parents and provide a 12 month phone call follow up. Volunteers are paid mileage reimbursement and enjoy flexible hours. For more information, call 756-6516.

Youth Services

There are various programs available for every age at the Youth Services Bldg. 6052. You can pick anything from basketball to Tae Kwon Do lessons.

For more information call 352-5708/6075.

Softball Signups Slated

Intramural Softball registration is still open — sign up today! Semi-pro baseball is also available. All sports open to active duty, reserve component soldiers and family members. For more information call Art Lewis, Hunter Sports Office at 352-6749.

Hunting and Fishing License

Fort Stewart and Hunter AAF hunting and fishing permits and Georgia State hunting and fishing licenses are sold at the Hunter Skeet Range, Bldg. 8250. A Hunter Education course is required for on-post hunting permit.

For more information, please call 352-5916.

One lane traffic on Wilson

Widening and resurfacing from approximately 800 feet west of the Stephenson Gate to the intersection of Lightening Road is scheduled to commence Monday until July 3, tentatively. Traffic will be maintained to one lane.

Winn Army Community Hospital

Family Reunion Support

Family reunion support is available for families having difficulty adjusting after a deployment. Support is available by appointment or on a walk-in basis.

For more information, call 370-6100 or 370-6111.

Preventive Medicine

The Department of Preventive Medicine has relocated to buildings PB473 and PB474, across from Army Community Services. For more information, call 370-5085.

Coping Support Groups

The Coping Support Group is for adults having difficulty dealing with the stress in their life. The group meets 9 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday.

The Coping Support Group for Children meets 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday for children ages 6 to 9 and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday for children ages 10 to 13.

For more information, call 370-6100.

TRICARE Hours of Operation

The TRICARE Service Center will be open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 370-6015.

Intervention Services

Military families with children up to 3 years old who may be at

risk for developmental delays can call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services for a free screening.

Services include home visits, occupational therapy, special instruction, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, vision and hearing screenings, family training, developmental screenings and assessments.

For more information, call 370-6349.

ASAP sees families

The Army Substance Abuse Program will now see dependant family members at least 18-years-old, retirees, contract employees and Department of the Army civilians on a walk-in basis. ASAP is located in Building 620 on 6th Street. For more information, call 767-5265/5267.

Pregnancy Nurse Line

Patients more than 20 weeks pregnant who have questions between their regularly scheduled appointments can call the direct nurse line at 370-6550.

Mental Status Exams

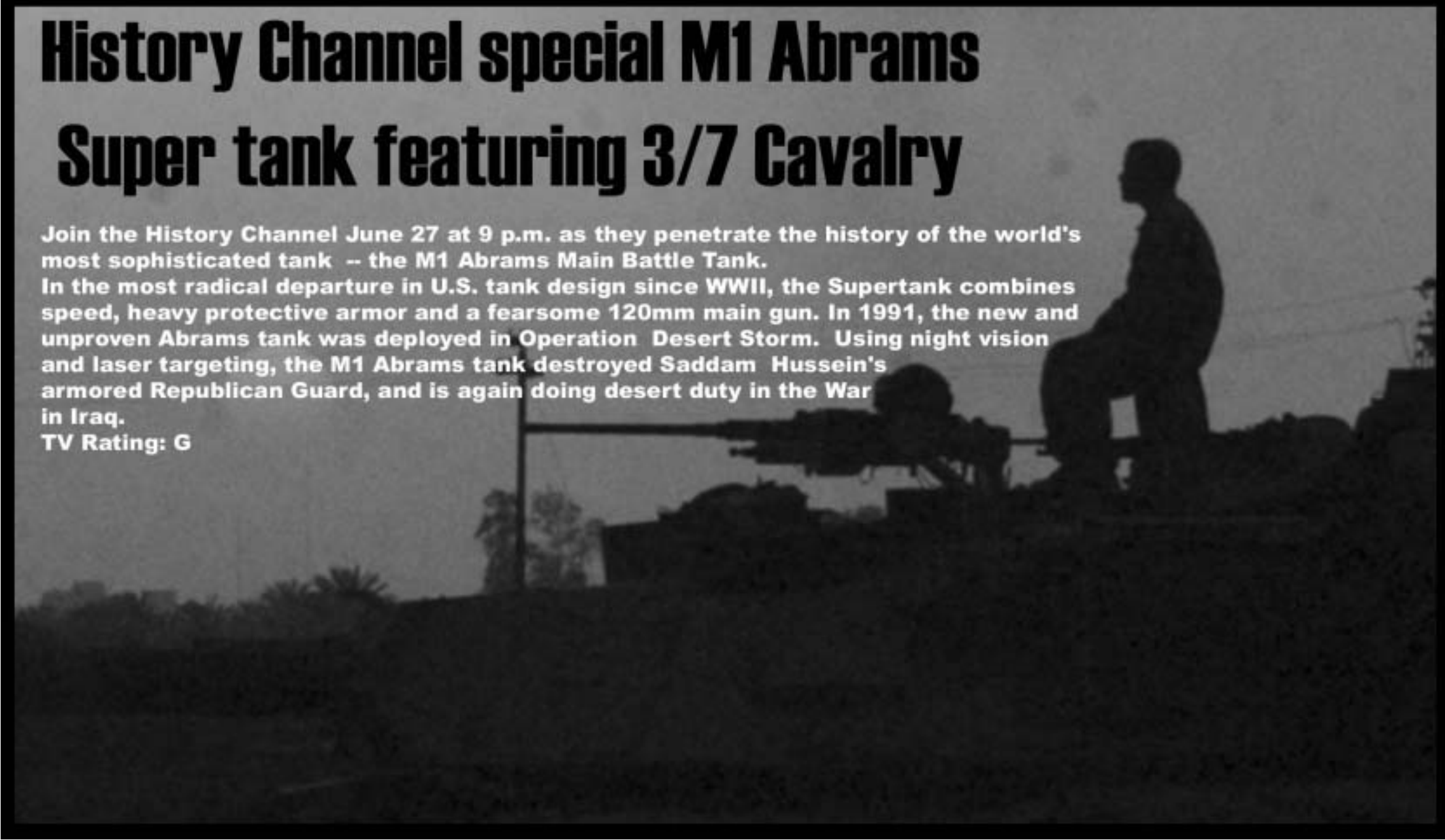
The Behavioral Health Clinic will conduct Active-duty Mental Status Exams 1 to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All patients with a completed FL92-R who sign in by 1:30 p.m. will be seen. This exam is not a treatment evaluation. All soldiers E4 and below must be accompanied by an E5 or higher. For more information, call 370-6100.

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Join the History Channel June 27 at 9 p.m. as they penetrate the history of the world's most sophisticated tank -- the M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank.

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- **Subject:** Sergeant, 29-year-old male, 4th Brigade
- **Charges:** Battery
- **Location:** Pooler, Ga.
- **Subject:** Lance Corporal, 21-year-old male,sepa-
rate battalion
- **Charges:** Criminal trespass
- **Location:** Savannah, Ga.
- **Subject:** Specialist, 50-year-old male, Division
Artillery
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, DUI, less
safe, following another auto too closely
- **Location:** Savannah, Ga.
- **Subject:** Family member, 23-year-old female
- **Charges:** Simple assault
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male,1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Drunk driving, no driver's license on
person, defective equipment, failure to obey a lawful
regulation and/or order
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 33-year-old female
- **Charges:** Damage to government property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 19-year-old male, separate
battalion
- **Charges:** Reckless driving
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old female, separate
battalion
- **Charges:** Failure to stop at a posted stop sign
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 20-year-old female
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male, 1st
Brigade
- **Charges:** Drunk driving
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 22-year-old male
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant First Class, 39-year-old male,
separate battalion
- **Charges:** Too fast for conditions
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 42-year-old male

- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, open con-
tainer, following too closely
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant First Class, 41-year-old male,
separate battalion
- **Charges:** Drunk and disorderly conduct
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 41-year-old male
- **Charges:** Damage to private property
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Family member, 31-year-old female
- **Charges:** Simple assault
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Family member, 25-year-old female
- **Charges:** Simple assault
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Civilian, 18-year-old male
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 2, 19-year-old male,
separate battalion
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist,
27-year-old male, 1st
Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of
cocaine
- **Location:** Fort
Stewart
- **Subject:** Chief Warrant
Officer 4, 55-year-old male, separate
battalion
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 31-year-old male, separate bat-
talion
- **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Division
Support Command
- **Charges:** Drunken driving, improper lane change,
reckless driving
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 25-year-old male, separate bat-

- talion
- **Charges:** Improper lane change, driving while
license suspended
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old
female, 24th Support Group
- **Charges:** Hit and run, aggravated
stalking - consummated with a battery
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Civilian, 20-year-
old female
- **Charges:** Improper back-
ing
- **Location:** Fort
Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist,
29-year-
old male,
Engineer
Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure
to appear
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 32-year-old female, separate
battalion
- **Charges:** Failure to obey a lawful order
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 56-year-old male
- **Charges:** Driving on a suspended license, speed-
ing 68/55
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 28-year-old male, sepa-
rate battalion
- **Charges:** Following too closely
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 29-year-old male, Division
Artillery
- **Charges:** Aggravate stalking
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Division
Artillery
- **Charges:** Simple assault
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 20-year-old male,
Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Simple assault, cruelty to children
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 19-year-old male
- **Charges:** Disorderly conduct
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, separate
battalion
- **Charges:** Larceny of AFEES property
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Family member, 20-year-old male,
- **Charges:** Larceny of private property
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Division
Support Command
- **Charges:** Improper left turn, no driver's license on
person, damage to government property
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 21-year-old male,
separate battalion
- **Charges:** Deposit account fraud
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 32-year-old male, 2nd
Brigade
- **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 30-year-old female,
Headquarters Command
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Lieutenant 1, 36-year-old female, sepa-
rate battalion
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, separate
battalion
- **Charges:** Failure to exercise due care
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 22-year-old male,
separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, separate
battalion
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding,
no proof of insurance
- **Location:** Savannah

11th Engineers help to provide Iraqi's with jobs



Photos by Cpl. Todd Pruden

(Above) An Iraqi contract worker puts a plumbing fixture together at a hospital in Baghdad, Iraq. Contractors are hired daily by the 11th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Inf. Div. to get the Iraqi people back to work and help return the country to normalcy. (Right) Capt. James R. Lockridge, host nation liaison officer for the 11th Eng. Bn., 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.), checks the capacity of a bus before leading contract workers to their destination, while unemployed Iraqis look on.

Spc. Chad D. Wilkerson

372nd MPAD

U.S forces turn attention to rebuilding Baghdad where there was poor or no existing facilities during the past regime. Taking part in the rebuilding efforts, the 11th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) organized a host nation support team that coordinates with local civilians in their sector to acquire materials and manpower necessary to begin rebuilding the Al-Wasity Hospital there, as well as other public facilities and vital infrastructure locations.

“We brought engineers and repairmen to look at the building,” said Capt. James Lockridge, officer-in-charge of the host-nation support team. “We did a three-day engineering assessment from civil, electrical and mechanical standpoints. Based on that assessment, we spent about \$3,000 to purchase repair materials.”

The tools and materials were put in to the hands of Iraqi workers who were hired just that morning. In fact, Lockridge and his team hires new workers daily according to what the

task at hand requires.

More than 400 Iraqi workers show up every morning looking for work, Lockridge said. The engineers pay them with specially allotted discretionary funds out of frozen Iraqi government accounts, said Lockridge. For the hospital reconstruction mission, the team hired about 200 workers, to perform everything from trash removal to clearing clogged drains.

The hospital has basically a less than healthy standard, Lockridge said, but with the help of some of Baghdad’s best civil engineers, the hospital will not only be fully functional, but far beyond where it was under the former regime.

“We are installing 480 light sets and 30 sinks and fixtures,” Lockridge said. The engineers have also been working to replace the circuit breakers that were stolen by looters after the conflict.

The 11th Eng. Bn.’s host-nation support team, providing the materials and services to repair the hospital, has also fixed the building’s electric generators in order to provide continuous power to each room on each floor, a service of obvious importance in a hospital.

Lockridge and his team have been able to use some of the Iraqi discretionary funds to hire engineers as well, who will oversee and carry out reconstruction operations across his entire sector. Nine engineers, all with master’s degrees and above, are employed as managerial and administrative staff for the reconstruction team for their technical expertise and knowledge of Iraq’s general infrastructure layout, he said.

“We hope to accomplish, for key infrastructure facilities inside our zone, at the minimum, an operational standard,” Lockridge said.

The team’s current list of accomplishments includes providing support to the Baghdad College of Pharmacy, where they repaired and restored power to four auditoriums, the student lounge, the dean’s office and the teachers’ offices.

“It has been a really rewarding experience to come here, first of all to defeat Saddam’s regime and accept the gratitude of Iraqi people, and then to turn around and hire Iraqis to help Iraqis,” Lockridge said. “The excitement of building an organization from the ground up has been amazing.



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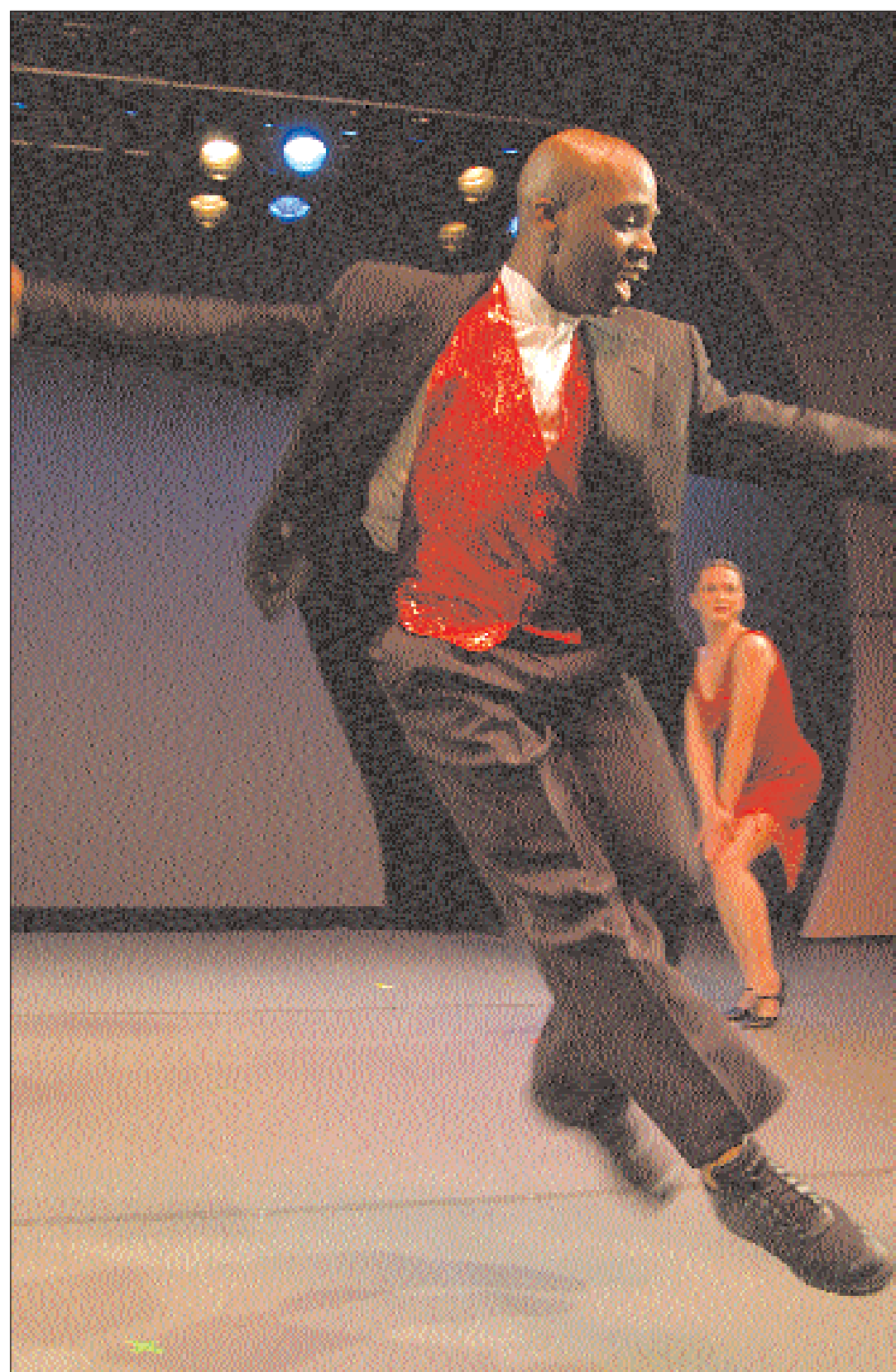
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Soldier Show brings all that jazz to Savannah

Nancy Gould
DCAS

For those who missed the Savannah performance, the 2003 U.S. Army Soldier Show will perform again at Newman Fitness Center on October 15 and 16. Admission will be free and open to military and civilian communities in the Fort Stewart/Savannah areas. Additional information will be released prior to the show.

Periodic bursts of applause shook Savannah's Johnny Mercer Theatre during the 2003 U.S. Army Soldier Show's 90-minute performance June 12th.

Seventeen performers paid tribute to show founder Irving Berlin, who began his prolific career with the first Army Soldier Show, which appeared on Broadway in 1918.

The show's theme, Legacy, included a variety of music enjoyed by soldiers over the years ranging from soulful R&B tunes, rap and rock chart-toppers, patriotic and gospel favorites, to Broadway tunes and more — along with dance numbers with Bob Fosse-styled choreography.

The 1,200 attendees at the event included Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield military wives whose husbands are deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom, retirees and other military personnel, and residents from Savannah and surrounding communities.

The Savannah performance followed a four-day tour in Cuba and was number 17 of 103 shows that the troupe will present to military and civilian communities by late November, covering 51 locations in 21 states.

"When you love what you're doing you don't mind the hectic schedule so much — you just suck it up," said Spc. Rechell Sears, a performer and former administrative specialist, 516th PSB D Company in Korea, said she appreciates the opportunity to give something back to the Army.

Like many of the show's performers, Sears' talent emerged early in her life — studying opera at age 10, and the French horn and violin until she joined the Army almost two years ago.

Assistant Director Spc. Joseph Beebe, a surgical assistant, said that fate, as well as his past experience working with theater groups, drew him to the show.

"My parents ran the music and theater department for Army Entertainment at Fort Lewis, and I grew up in this kind of environment," he said. "My dad was a bandmaster and

my mom a trombone player. Although I like my surgical technologist position in the Army, this job utilizes my talent and is definitely closer to who I am."

The enthusiasm and talent displayed in the production impressed Joseph Hoke, a Savannah District Corps of Engineer employee who attended the show with his wife on their anniversary.

"All the performers were good but I particularly liked those who did the Motown numbers," Hoke said. "If you closed your eyes, you would think you were listening to the original artists. The show had a diverse range of music and it definitely held my interest."

The performers are not professional entertainers but soldiers who are attached to the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center's Entertainment Detachment for 179 days. The Soldier Show operates as a deployable military unit under the leadership of the detachment commander, first sergeant, and a Soldier Show non-commissioned officer in charge, who travels with them on the road.

Cast members are selected yearly. Aspiring soldiers worldwide submit application packages with videotapes, biographies, photographs and letters of recommendation from their commanders. Besides demonstrating their musical ability, stage presence and versatility, soldiers must have an outstanding record in their units.

The cast and crew include active duty, National Guard and Reserve Component soldiers from 11 states, Japan, Korea and Germany. They vary in range from private first class to first lieutenant and include an infantryman, broadcast journalist, military policewoman, armored vehicle gunner, licensed practical nurse, food service specialist, microwave systems operator and mental health specialist, among others. While in the show, they are assigned additional duties according to their rank, such as vocal director, dance captain and wardrobe/costume manager.

A five-member soldier transportation crew drives the show's 44-passenger bus, 18-wheel tractor-trailer and 15-passenger van. Today, the U.S. Army is the largest producer of non-commercial, live theater entertainment in the world.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show is one of more than 50 Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs the Army provides soldiers and families worldwide to enrich their lives, allow personal growth and creative expression, foster self-reliance, enhance physical fitness and promote well-being.

Tim Hipps

Spc. Donte Davies, 26, stationed in Bamberg, Germany, brings ballet to the 2003 U.S. Army Soldier Show while Spc. Devon Lynch, 24, of the California Army National Guard, poses in the background. The 2003 Soldier show came to Savannah's Johnny Mercer Theatre June 12th.



Photos by Victoria Palmer

(Above) Lynch leads the cast in "All That Jazz" during the 2003 U.S. Army Soldier Show. (Right) Staff Sgt. Gregory McPhee sings "Ain't No Mountain High Enough."



(Above) Drummers Sgt. Caprice Pittman, Sgt. Keisha Felder and Spc. Jason Day back up dancers Pfc. Tiffinie Irvin, Spc. Carlyne Horton, Spc. Donte Davies and 1st Lt. Demetria Glover.

(Left) Pfc. Tiffinie Irvin, Staff Sgt. Glynis Harris and Sgt. Joanne Brown in "Fortune Favors the Brave" — part of the dynamic opening of the 2003 U.S. Army Soldier Show.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Conquering the stress of life

Chaplain (Lt. Col) George Spencer
Special to the Frontline

Father's Day was this past Sunday and it made me stop and think about my son. He is grown now and starting a family of his own. He seems to be doing pretty well. So maybe I did okay. But still I wonder if I did all the right things while he was growing up. Was I a good father? Did I teach him the right things to do? I hope so. But one thing I do know is that while he was growing up I often prayed this prayer. Maybe it will work for you. Give it a try.

A Prayer for His Son
by: General Douglas MacArthur,
*Build me a son, O Lord,
who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, brave enough to face himself when*

*he is afraid,
Build me a son,
whose wishes will not take the place of deeds
... Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenges. Let him learn to stand in the storm; let him learn compassion for those who fall.
Build me a son,
whose heart is clear; whose goals will be high a son who will master himself before he seeks to master others;
who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.
And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor so that he may always be serious yet never take himself too seriously...
Then, I, his father will dare to whisper,
"I have not lived in vain."
Build me a son, O Lord.*

America's Sentinel of Honor



1st. Lt. Amy Phillips

Travel-weary but full of spirit and stories, Otok Ben-Hvar displays a 5-by-9-foot American flag, with the help of sergeants Tarone Lee (left) and Tracy Dailey both from HQ Co., HQ Command during a visit to Hunter Army Airfield June 10. The flag has traveled to every U.S. state, territory and commonwealth and has 56 small glass vials containing soil from each state attached to their respective star, and vials containing grains of rice with names of Sept. 11 victims inscribed on them. Ben-Hvar had also toted a small tree potted with the 56 different soils along with him during his travels by walking, driving, and flying on military space-available flights throughout the country from June 1999 through April 2002.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart		
Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday "Protestant Worship"	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
Jewish		
Friday Shabbos Service	Marne	6 p.m.
Weekday Kaddish	Marne	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist		
Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Contemporary Service		
Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.
Hunter Army Airfield		
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.



Pet of the Week

Shelby is a six-year old, spayed German Shepherd. She is very sweet, loving and friendly. Shelby needs a home to share her affection for many years to come. If interested in adopting a cat or dog, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic located at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.

SPORTS & FITNESS

On Post

Basketball courts opened
The Hunter gym's basketball courts are newly renovated and now open.

Youth B-ball camp
Sign-ups are now underway for Basketball Camp being conducted at Fort Stewart's Corkan Youth Gym June 23 - 27. Sign-ups are open to Youth Services members, living both on and off-post, ages 6 to 17.

You can sign up at Fort Stewart's CYS, Building 443, behind Corkan Pool.

CYS is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and closed for lunch from 1 to 2 p.m.

The cost is \$25 and includes a free Basketball Camp T-shirt.

For more information, call CYS at 767-2312 or Corkan Youth Gym at 767-2143

4th of July events

• **Softball Tourney** — 9 a.m. until completion. Fort Stewart Softball Complex, across from Heritage Bank. Teams must register at Fort Stewart Sports Office by July 1, or call Perry Yawn, 767-8326. The tournament is free. First and second place team trophies will be given. All participants get Marne T-shirts.

• **Family Day Bowling** — 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., Marne Lanes Bowling Center. Pay only \$1.25 per game and \$1.25 for rental shoes. Direct questions to Jerry Evans or Gladys Pointer at 767-4866/3294.

• **Taylors Creek Golf** — Anyone who plays the course, 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., can submit their name into a drawing for a free round of golf, a golf car and a dozen golf balls. Contact Tommy McArthur at 767-2370 or 452-5622 for additional information.

Golf course

Taylors Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz on Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee off. They also offer a Dogfight Tournament at 7:30 a.m. and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

• **Troops Tune Up**, a soldiers free clinic, is held every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• **A Ladies Free Clinic** is held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

• **A "Junior Golf Academy"** is scheduled be held during the summer.

Anyone who wants to schedule a fundraising event for *family support groups, unit activities* or a private organization is asked to contact Charlie Dobbertin at 767-2370.

Pool passes

Pool passes are now available. Call Andy Arrington, DCAS Aquatic Director, at 767-3034 for more information.

Firecracker 5000

Off Post

The Island Packet Firecracker 5000 Road Race and Fun Walk will be held 8 a.m. July 4 at the Mall at Shelter cove.

Runners from all over the United States participate in this Independence Day Event. It is the largest road race in Beaufort County and will be limited to the first 1,000 participants registered.

For more information or to register, contact Bear Foot Sports at (843)379-3440 or register online at www.bearfootsports.com.

Fishermen for our Heroes

A tournament will be held June 21, at Little River Park on Lake Sinclair in Milledgeville, Ga. Entry fee is \$200 per boat. Festivities opened to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations will go to the Fort Stewart Military Scholarship Fund.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.

Summer is here ...

Kids learn to swim at Hunter

Pfc. Emily Danial

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

Although splashing in the water can be a whole lot of fun for kids, it does not increase their buoyancy level — in order to keep from giving their parents a nervous breakdown every time they pass the “three-foot” mark at the pool, they need to learn to swim.

This summer, your kids can develop their floatational skills at the Hunter Army Airfield pool, under the instruction and watchful eye of Jane Riner, who held Hunter's first swimming lesson of the summer June 9 for several eager students.

The lessons, which last 50 minutes, run for two weeks, and accommodate children from ages five to 12, with one lesson for the 5 to 8-year-olds and one for the 6 to 12-year-olds.

Diana Delaney, a Hunter parent whose children attended the June 9 lesson, said the lessons being held

at the Hunter pool are not only helpful to kids, but also handy for parents.

“Holding the swimming lessons on post is a great idea, and so convenient for military families,” she said.

Riner, who has been teaching youngsters to swim for 24 years, said her favorite part of her job is watching the kids progress from the early stages (consisting mainly of “not sinking”) to the last day of the class when their skills have reached higher levels. The level at which “splashing each other” and “not sinking” can occur simultaneously has been known to be the pinnacle of a child's entire swimming-lesson career.

However, for a child to learn to constructively swim, he or she must first constructively get into the water.

This, said Riner, is one obstacle that she spends time working through, especially with 5 through 8-year-olds like those she

worked with June 9.

“You just have to be patient, try different things,” she said. “It's such a great feeling to see a child who won't even get all the way in the water at the beginning of the lesson, and see that same child at the end of the lesson in the pool with the other kids.”

Some of the tools Riner used were regular plastic ice cream tubs. In order to get them used to the water, she filled the tubs up with it and had the kids pour water on themselves.

“The best part,” said Riner, “is during the last classes, when the kids get to put on life vests and swim across the pool by themselves ... they always love it.”

Sounds like a great time — especially for those kids who realize now that their buoyancy problem is solved, thanks to Riner, they have more time to devote to splashing. And, ask any kid, that's just the way it should be.



Pfc. Emily Danial

Jane Riner, Hunter swimming instructor, teaches her young students, ages 5 to 8 years old, hold onto the pool and kick with their ankles June 9 at the post pool.

Army run kicks off 228th birthday celebration

Dennis Ryan

Army News Service

FORT MYER, Va. — The Army kicked off its 228th birthday celebration with a run at Fort Myer, June 10, with more than 1,000 soldiers led by Sgt. Major of the Army Jack Tilley.

Tilley led a group of top enlisted soldiers from all major Army commands around the 3.5-mile course that included Arlington National Cemetery.

The sergeants major were joined by Rhode Island Senator Jack Reed, Georgia Congressman Jack Kingston and the Army headquarters staff for the run and a tribute to soldiers killed in battle.

The politicians and Tilley began the morning with some pushups before setting off to the tunes of the Army Band. Tilley did his drill instructor best to urge the two politicians to complete their PT. Reed is a West Point graduate and former 82nd Airborne officer.

Tilley called up retiring soldiers to the front ranks of the formation after the run to help him lead the troops in the Army song.

“[The run's] about everybody that came before us,” Tilley said. “It went great. It's about remembering our fallen comrades. It was a great day for the Army.”

Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Gaylord T. Gunhus closed the pro-

ceedings with a few words and a prayer after being one of the run's leaders.

“I'll retire in July after forty years of this crazy stuff,” Gunhus said. “It's absolutely my last run as an Army chaplain. I couldn't think of a better place to do it.”

The formation stopped during the cemetery segment and turned and symbolically faced the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Capt. Marcia Muirhead wasn't used to running in formation.

“It was great,” Muirhead said. “I haven't done this in a long time. Formation runs can be challenging, because of the change of pace. It was nice getting all the folks together.”

Stephen Haaga, a legislative assistant to Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, was another civilian running.

“I haven't run in a formation in a long time,” Haaga said. “I was a soldier 25 years ago with the 7th Corps.”

Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Anouilh completed his third consecutive Army Run and said “It was fantastic. It's a solemn feeling. You get a lump in your throat when you look around and see all the gardens of stone.”

“This is my last one,” Anouilh said, but added that he'll be coming back as a civilian. “As long as there is an Army Run, I'll be there.”



Adam Skoczylas

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley, joined by Georgia Congressman Jack Kingston and Rhode Island Sen. Jack Reed, leads a formation of more than 1,000 soldiers and Army supporters to celebrate the Army's 228th birthday.

Marne Scoreboard

Aerobics

Newman Fitness Center Aerobics schedule

Mondays
Latino Rhythm 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Busy Feet Workout 9 to 10 a.m.
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays
Butts and Guts 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Basic Training Workout 9 to 10 a.m.
Cardio-Stepping 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays
Calliente 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
Cardio Kick-boxing 9 to 10 a.m.

Step-kicking 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday
Basic Training Workout 9 to 10 a.m.
4:30 to 5:30

Fridays
“Master C” Workout 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
“Killer Friday” 9 to 10 a.m.
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays
“Pick Your Poison” 9 to 10 a.m.

Hunter Fitness Center Aerobics schedule

Mondays — 6 to 7 p.m.
Cardio-Stepping
Cardio-Kicking
Buns/Thighs Weights
AB Work Stretch

Wednesday — 6 to 7 p.m.

Cardio-Stepping
Low Impact
Jump Rope
Weights
AB Work Stretch
Fridays — 6 to 7 p.m.
Fun Fridays
Party Dance
Yoga Stretches

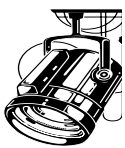
Spring Schedule

Spring schedule for softball, racquetball and tennis
Call 767-8326 to sign up.

Softball League Through June 26
Softball Tournament July 7-10

Got Scores? Contact the *Frontline* staff at 767-3440
or e-mail Frontline@stewart.army.mil.

Volunteer Spotlight



Kim Vallade

Kim is a native of Romulus, Mich. and a volunteer for ACS.

“I like to volunteer to help show other spouses the positive side of the military and also give to the soldiers.

A positive FRG brings up the morale of the soldiers. Others’ satisfaction is what I like most about volunteering,” says Kim.

She also enjoys meeting new people and helping other spouses get involved or adjusted to the military.

If you would like more information about becoming an ACS volunteer, visit ACS at Building 470 on Fort Stewart, Building 1286 on Hunter Army Airfield or for more information, call Vickie Wiginton at 767-5058.



WOODRUFF THEATER

Jun 19 — Jun 25

Admission for all shows is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.



Free Showing
X2 – Xmen United
Saturday and Sunday

It Runs in the Family (PG-13)

Starring: Kirk Douglas, Michael Douglas

Free Showing Tonight

Mitchell, his son Alex and grandson Asher are trying to cope with life and a distinctly different set of problems. Mitchell grapples with his mortality, Alex tries not to become his father and Asher tries to stay relatively straight as he goes through college.

Run Time: 109 minutes

Identity (R)

Starring: John Cusack, Amanda Peet

Free Showing Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

During an unrelenting rainstorm, all roads washed out and all forms of communication dead at an isolated motel in rural Nevada, a group of people become stranded. Soon the lodgers start dying in mysterious and brutal ways and the survivors must find the killer before being killed.

Run Time: 90 minutes

X2 – X-Men United (PG-13)

Starring: Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman

Free Showing Saturday and Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

The X-Men have opponents new and old to face this time around. Magneto is back, but there is also a threat to Professor Xavier’s school for mutants led by a human named Stryker, not to mention a vicious woman named Yuriko who has it in for Wolverine.

Run Time: 133 minutes



Birth announcements

4 June 2003

Kaithlynn Danielle Baldwin, a girl, 9 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. Albert Daniel Baldwin and Regine Renee Baldwin.

Mya Nicole Dickerson, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Sgt. Christopher Dickerson and Corrine Dickerson.

Isaiah Travino Filroy Jordan, a boy, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Sgt. Jacqueline Jordan.

5 June 2003

Braden Michael Harvey, a boy, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Micah Gene

Harvey and Amy Michelle Harvey.

Naomi Elisa Baxter, a girl, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to 1st Lt. Joshua John Baxter and Angela Ann Baxter.

Kellyah LaTrice Butler, a girl, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Jasmine Butler and Franco K. Butler.

Anthony James Joseph Boyer, a boy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Brian Paul Boyer and Jamie Lynn Boyer.

Zachary James Magee, a boy, 10 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. James Magee and Vickey Rena Magee.

Allison Nicole Ponder, a girl, 9 pounds,

4 ounces, born to Sgt. Clinton Ponder and Jennifer Ponder.

Chauncy Xander Scruggs, a boy, 5 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Pfc. Tamara Michelle Scruggs.

6 June 2003

Tyrone Keyshawn Barbee, a boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounces, born to Pfc. Tyrone Barbee and Tamika M. Peterson.

Sydney Liv Bedford, a girl, 6 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Tommy Bedford and Staff Sgt. Marie Bedford.

Johnzelle Omarrion Bush, a boy, 6

pounds, 7 ounces, born to Zachary A. Bush and Spc. Kimberly D. Upshaw.

Johnny Thomas Grimes Jr., a boy, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Johnny Grimes and Brandy Grimes.

Christopher McKinley Touchtone, a boy, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. William J. Touchtone and Sgt. Valerie Touchtone.

7 June 2003

Jalen Chazz Collins, a boy, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Sgt. 1st Class Victor Collins and Valeria Collins.

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